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SUBJECT: LAO/KHMER RELATIONS

REF: PHNOM PENH 4079 (NOTAL)

1. PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA INFORMED ME TODAY THAT IN THE COURSE OF MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM OF CAMBODIA, HE HAD EXPLAINED THAT THE PATHET LAO HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH GRUNK AND PRINCE SIHANOUK. (PRINCE SIHANOUK IS PRESENTLY VISITING SAM NEUA.) THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT, WHEN IT IS FORMED, WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THE SIDE OF THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS AFFECTING KHMER REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. THE NEUTRAL POLICY TO BE PURSUED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL REQUIRE LAOS TO ABSTAIN HENCEFORTH ON VOTES REGARDING THIS QUESTION.

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2. I ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER WHETHER THIS CHANGE OF POLICY WOULD AFFECT THE LAO POSITION ON SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE PRG. PM REPLIED THAT IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT AFFECT LAOS' TRADITIONAL VIEW OF THE PRG AND THAT LAOS WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE GVN AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST PRG PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF ALL KINDS.
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